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Election/Restrictions

1. With the presentation of new claims 4-23 in the 11-23-2006 amendment, a new species election is required. To summarize the following requirement, the new claims newly define various groupings with respect to specifics of (A) the reactant, (B) the band element, (C) the reaction facilitator, and (if applicable) (D) the manner of making the band element, it being required to elect a single ultimate species (i.e. inclusive of a member of *each* of the various groups of species) from among these various species. It further is noted that the new claims present the various members of each of these groups in various combinations of both Markush claims as well as single individual claims - a complete election should thus not only elect from among the various members of each group but also provide a listing of claims readable on the elected species. The complete requirement follows:

2. The new claims are generic to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species of (A) various reactants, (B) various band elements and (C) various reaction facilitators (and (D) various manners of making the band element, if applicable).

(A) In particular, within group (A) directed to the reactants, the plurality of patentably distinct species are represented by each of the various monomers specified in claims 5 and 11-13.

(B) Within group (B) directed to the band element, the plurality of patentably distinct species are represented by each of the various materials specified in claims 6, 7 and 10. (It is noted that if one of the composite materials is elected, an additional

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species election will be required with respect to how the composite as made - note group (D) below).

(C) Within group (C) directed to the reaction facilitator, the plurality of patentably distinct species are represented by each of the various catalysts/initiators specified in claims 15-18.

(D) As noted above, if a composite band element is selected, the plurality of patentably distinct species additionally include the various manners of making the band element as specified in claim 9.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species from among *each* of groups (A), (B) and (C) (and also (D) if applicable), even though this requirement is traversed. A listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added, must also be provided. Additionally, it should be stressed that the ultimate species that is elected (inclusive of each of the individual elections) must be internally consistent. Thus, for example, if a metathesis catalyst is elected as the reaction facilitator, then the elected reactant must be a monomer that is affected by the metathesis catalyst.

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

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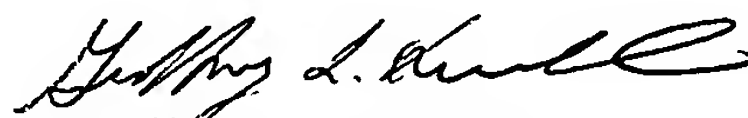
3. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

4. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Geoffrey L. Knable whose telephone number is 571-272-1220. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Crispino can be reached on 571-272-1226. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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